



Attorney Docket No. 5051-637

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ranney et al  
Serial No.: 10/615,861  
Filing Date: July 9, 2003  
For: Hybrid *Calycanthus* Plant Named 'Venus'

January 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Attached is a form PTO-1449, together with a copy of each of the identified document(s). It is requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

In the interest of full disclosure, Applicants further note that slides and information regarding the variety were shown to industry representatives during the time period from August 2002 until the present application was filed. No plant material was made available.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. Therefore, no fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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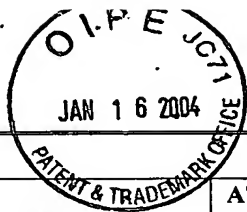
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	1.	"Calycanthus chinensis" <i>Kemper Center for Home Gardening</i> <a href="http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/kemperweb/plantfinder/plant.asp?code=m380">http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/kemperweb/plantfinder/plant.asp?code=m380</a> Date of access October 10, 2003.									
	2.	"Calycanthus floridus <i>Athens</i> " <a href="http://www.nobleplants.com/introductions/calycanthus.htm">http://www.nobleplants.com/introductions/calycanthus.htm</a> Date of access October 10, 2003.									
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	4.	Ranney et al., "Breeding and Developing New Nursery Crops Progress Report, 2002" North Carolina State University, August 28, 2002.									
	5.	Ranney, Thomas G., "Inventing New Plants" Oral Presentation, Southern Nursery Association Trade Show, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2, 2002.									

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